CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
June 14, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING
   Mayor Rick Danner - 6:36 P.M.

   The following members of Council were in attendance: Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

   Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

   Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator was absent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
    Garrett Norton, Boy Scout Troop 603

III. INVOCATION
     Councilman Jay Arrowood

IV. PUBLIC FORUM
    No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
    May 24, 2016

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion that the minutes of May 24, 2016 be received as written. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION
    A. Barry Davis, Captain with the Fire Department was recognized upon his retirement for his twenty-seven years of dedicated service. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift. (attachment)

VII. PETITIONER
A. Mack Holiday, 101 Hillside Drive spoke to Council expressing his concerns regarding traffic on Hillside Drive and O’Neal Road.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Items:

Freedom Blast — is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th at City Park.

Independence Day — Monday, July 4th, Offices will be closed in celebration of Independence Day. All emergency operations will continue to operate. Garbage pick-up will be on a one-day delay.

Building and Development Standards Department — Steve Grant, City Engineer has completed the Appalachian Council of Governments Introduction to Management and Supervision course.

Public Employee Benefit Administration (PEBA) — notified us effective July 1st there will be an increase in the retirement rate that will be paid by both the employer and the employee. We have allocated for that in our budget. The employer will contribute 11.41% of the employee’s salary into the retirement system and the employee will contribute 8.66%. It is going up one half of a percent July 1st. For those employees involved in the Police Officers Retirement System the employer contributes 13.84% and the employee will contribute 9.24%. We will notify all employees of the increase.

Insurance Pool Program — we participate in the insurance pool program for our worker compensation insurance and liability insurance. That program has operated very well over the last several years. When the program is successful they return funds. We will be receiving our portion under the Workers Compensation program. For those cities that participate $2.5 Million dollars will be returned to them. Also, $1.5 Million dollars from the Liability Insurance program will be returned. We have been notified for 2017 the Workers Compensation program will have a return of surplus, they are anticipating about $2.5 Million dollars again. The final decision will be made once the financial statements have been audited. We’ve also been informed that because of claim history for all of the participating members in the program that are not anticipating a return of surplus on the liability insurance side for 2017. We do not count on these dollars and it does not affect our budget.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had 1 Economic Development matter (Property) and 1 Legal matter (Budget) for consideration during Executive Session.

Mr. Driggers requested Council hold First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2016 (Budget Ordinance) until after Executive Session.
IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

A. Appointees to the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission

Miles Nason's term expires 6/30/2016
No nominations were made.

B. Board of Architectural Review

David Langley's term expires 6/30/2016
No Nominations were made.

C. Board of Zoning Appeals

TD Campbell resigned effective 6/6/2016 his term expires 6/30/2018
No Nominations were made.

D. Planning Commission

District 1 Don Foster's term expires 6/30/2016
At-Large Kevin Tumblin's term expires 6/30/2016
No nominations were made.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BCB AND PRB 2, LLC LOCATED AT 321 HAMMETT BRIDGE ROAD FROM PDR (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).

Steve Grant, City Engineer stated the applicant requested to table the ordinance, they are looking at purchasing some adjacent property which would change the scope and size of the project.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to table First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MOLOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 414 JONES AVENUE FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL – MULTI-FAMILY).

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Steve Grant, Director of Building and Development Standards stated a Public Hearing was held May 16th. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2016. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

C. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2016**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE CITY OF GREER PUBLIC WORKS FEE AND EstABLISH A CITY OF GREER SANITATION FEE

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the ordinance.

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2016. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion was held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Economic Development** (Property) matter and one (1) **Legal** matter (Budget).

**ACTION** - In (7:34 p.m.) - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received the information as stated above and no action would be needed.

**ACTION** - Out (8:02 p.m.) – Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action taken after Executive Session**

D. **First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2016**

CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE, LEVYING TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Ed Driggers, City Administrator and David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the ordinance.

Discussion was held.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Notifications:
Public Forum
Sign in
June 14, 2016
6:30 pm

(a) **Public Forum.** During a period of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each city council meeting, referred to as a public forum, the presiding officer may recognize citizens of the municipality or others who have standing in the municipality, such as business owners, who wish to address council on matters pertaining to items on that meeting’s agenda.

**Sign-up for Public Forum.** At least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a city council meeting, a potential speaker, who is not already a petitioner appearing on the agenda and is not a previous petitioner speaking on the same subject, wishing to appear before council must place his or her name, address, and whether he or she is for or against an agenda item on the public forum list. This list shall be maintained by the municipal clerk. Sign ups for public forums will be on a first come, first served basis. The municipal clerk shall make the public forum list available for council and public inspection. No names will be added to the list once the list is given to the presiding officer and the public forum has begun. The presiding officer will give equal time to those for and against the agenda items that are to be discussed during a public forum.

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